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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE DESCRIBES DISCUSSION AT PERMREPS LUNCH ON CSCE TIMING; MBFR LEAKS; AND SYG' S SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE. SEPTELS DEAL WITH DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING BREZHNEV' S RUMORED VISIT TO WASHINGTON; SACLANT SYMPOSIUM; CONSULTATIONS ON TERRORISM; AND VISIT BY ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS WITH SYG LUNS. END SUMMARY.

1. CSCE. PERMREPS COMMENTED ON DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR A ONE WEEK EXTENSION OF THE RECESS FOLLOWING MPT III, AND FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A PATTERN WHEREBY MPT WOULD MEET FOR THREE WEEKS AND RECESS FOR TWO. PECK ( UK) OBSERVED THAT EXTENSION OF FORTHCOMING RECESS WOULD HAVE A BAD EFFECT ON THE NEUTRALS AND THAT ALLIES  
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SHOULD WORK ON BASIS OF CURRENT SCHEDULE. DANISH AND ITALIAN PERMREPS AGREED. BOTH DESTAERCKE ( BELGIUM) AND SPIERENBURG

( NETHERLANDS) EXPRESSED THEIR CONFUSION AND EVEN DISMAY AT DEVELOPMENTS IN HELSINKI. ( COMMENT: DESTAERCKE' S " CONFUSION" IS AN APPARENT TACTIC TO COVER HIS CONCERN THAT NATO MAY NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO CONSULT ON CSCE ISSUES OR THAT TOO MUCH WOULD BE SACRIFICED TOO SOON ON SUBSTANCE IN HELSINKI. END COMMENT.) FOR EXAMPLE, DESTAERCKE ASKED RHETORICALLY WHERE THE REVISED ALLIED PROPOSAL FOR THE ECONOMIC BASKET WOULD BE APPROVED- IN HELSINKI OR IN NAC?

2. SPIERENBURG SAID HE SUPPORTS THE ITALIAN POSITION REGARDING THE NEED TO HOLD FIRM ON THE SUBORDINATION OF " INVOLABILITY OF FRONTIERS" TO " NON- USE OF FORCE." IN RESTROSPECT, SPIERENBURG PRIVATELY SAID HE FEELS U. S. WAS RIGHT IN OPPOSING A THREE- PHASE CSCE BECAUSE THIS WOULD HAVE PROVIDED WEST WITH MORE LEVERAGE TO INSIST UPON SUBSTANTIVE CONCESSIONS BEFORE CSCE MET. BEST AVAILABLE TACTIC NOW, AS MATTERS STAND IN HELSINKI IS TO FREELY EMPLOY BRACKETS IN MANDATES TO PRESERVE ALLIES' SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS. SPIERENBURG OPINED THAT ONLY BY USING BRACKETS WILL ALLIED COUNTRIES BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE TO THEIR PUBLIC OPINION THAT SOVIETS HAVE REFUSED CONCESSIONS ON FREER MOVEMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, AND THEREBY PERSUADE PUBLIC THAT SOVIETS ARE THE UNREASONBLE PARTIES, IF THAT PROVES TO BE THE CASE. MIS- MANAGEMENT ON THE PART OF THE WEST, AND EARLY CONCESSIONS TO THE USSR COULD IN TIME RESULT IN UNFOUNDED EUPHORIA IN EUROPE. THIS WILL BE BAD FOR THE ALLIES AND WEAKEN THE WILL OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE

DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. AS MUCH AS MBFR, SPIERENBURG FEELS, SUCH DEVELOPMENTS CAN DIRECTLY AFFECT THE FUTURE OF EUROPE AND BE DANGEROUS FOR THE ALLIES.

3. SPIERENBURG SAID HE WILL SEEK A DISCUSSION IN NAC ON CSCE STRATEGY AND HOPES THAT ALLIES WILL REFUSE TO CONCEDE ANYTHING AT THIS STAGE IN HELSINKI. LUNS AND DESTAERCKE AGREED ON NEED TO EMPLOY NAC CONSULTATION PROCESS. LUNS ADDED HIS FEELING THAT THERE IS A DANGER THAT ALLIED NEGOTIATORS IN HELSINKI, LIKE MANY NEGOTIATORS, MAY WANT ABOVE ALL A SMOOTH CONFERENCE AND THAT SHOULD NOT BE ALLIED GOAL. THE PUBLIC IMPACT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND HE FEELS.

4. MBFR LEAKS. LUNS READ NOTE FROM ASG KASTL TO THE  
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EFFECT THAT THERE CONTINUED TO BE LEAKS ON MBFR MATTERS IN VIENNA AND THESE INDICATE THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE SOME OF NATO' S MBFR DOCUMENTS. KASTL' S NOTE SUGGESTS THAT SECRET CLASSIFICATION BE APPENDED TO ALL MBFR PAPERS AND THAT THERE BE NO SUMMARY RECORDS KEPT OF NAC MBFR DISCUSSIONS BUT ONLY OF CONCLUSIONS. DEROSE ( FRANCE) SAID IT WAS ALSO HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE ALLIED POSITIONS ON MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. HE ADDED THAT THE ATLANTIC NEWS SEEMED TO HAVE INFORMATION FROM THE PERMREP LUNCHES CONCERNING LUNS' COMMENTS ABOUT THE DANISH DEFENSE MINISTER. DESTAERCKE

THOUGHT THAT THIS PROBABLY CAME FROM OTHER SOURCES.

5. SYG SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE. DESTAERCKE ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD NOT HEARD FROM ANYONE, AS OF MONDAY MORNING, CONCERNING THE SYG'S SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE AND HE SENT THE LETTER TO DRAKERT ( USNATO 1513)

DESTAERCKE REPORTED THAT I HAD CALLED HIM LATER MONDAY MORNING AND INDICATED THAT I WAS NOT PREPARED TO AGREE. AS A CONSEQUENCE, DESTAERCKE SAID THAT HE CALLED DRAKERT AND ASKED HIM TO HOLD AND THAT DESTAERCKE WOULD GET BACK TO HIM WHEN HE WAS READY EITHER TO RETRIEVE IT FROM DRAKERT OR AUTHORIZE DRAKERT TO RECEIVE IT OFFICALLY.

THE RESULT IS THAT IT IS ON HOLD UNTIL I GET BACK TO DESTAERCKE. DESTAERCKE ASKED WHEN I THOUGHT I WOULD GET SOME INFORMATION. I RESPONDED THAT I DOUBTED IT WOULD BE BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK. AFTER LUNCH KRAPF ( FRG) ASKED ME TO CONTACT HIM AFTER I HAD HEARD FROM WASHINGTON BUT BEFORE I CONTACT DESTAERCKE. IF WASHINGTON'S RESPONSE IS NEGATIVE KRAPF WOULD LIKE TO HELP WORK OUT A COMPROMISE. EVERYONE ELSE, APPARENTLY, APPROVED; I BELIEVE GERMANY WILL APPROVE IF I DO. RUMSFELD

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